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FOR ASST. SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), CS

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR

COSTA RICA

REFS: (A) STATE 029361; (B) SAN JOSE 585; (C) STATE 27000;

(D) SAN JOSE 567; (E) SAN JOSE 514; (F) SAN

JOSE 312; (G) SAN JOSE 265

1. SAN JOSE CABLES CITED ABOVE GIVE SCHEDULE DEVELOPED AFTER FULL CONSULTATION WITH PRESIDENT ODUBER AND FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO. THAT SCHEDULE DIFFERS IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT RESPECTS FROM SCHEDULE PROPOSED STATE 029361. COSTA RICANS FEEL VERY HONORED THAT SECRETARY HAS DECIDED TO VISIT SAN JOSE AND WILL OF COURSE ACCEPT WHATEVER SECRETARY DECIDES TO DO. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF SECRETARY'S DESIRES TO BE RESPONSIVE TO WISHES OF HIS HOST (STATE 27000), BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BEST IF SCHEDULE COULD MORE CLOSELY APPROXIMATE THAT PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED.

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WM AS EXPLAINED SAN JOSE 585, FACIO AND PRESIDENT WOULD

GREATLY WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE OTHER CABINET MINISTERS AND LEADING COSTA RICAN PERSONALITIES TO THE SECRETARY. THEY DID NOT PRESS TO DO SO UNDER ORIGINAL ITINERARY SINCE SECRETARY WAS NOT EXPECTED TO ARRIVE UNTIL ABOUT 7:30 P.M. AT EARLIEST. HOWEVER, WITH VERY MUCH EARLIER ARRIVAL THEY WOULD FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND INABILITY TO SCHEDULE EVEN ONE-HOUR OR HALF-HOUR RECEPTION MEETING WITH OTHER CABINET MINISTERS BEFORE SCHEDULED LIGHT SUPPER AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE.

- 3. REGARDING FOLLOWING MORNING'S SCHEDULE, FACIO HAD WISHED TO INVITE SECRETARY TO BREAKFAST AT HIS RESIDENCE SINCE THIS WAS TO HAVE BEEN ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND COURTESY OF HOSTING A FUNCTION FOR THE SECRETARY. HOWEVER, IF FACIO CAN HOST SMALL RECEPTION ON EVENING OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL, HE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE WILLING TO FOREGO BREAKFAST.
- 4. FACIO ALSO CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT FOR SECRETARY TO PAY VEJU BRIEF VISIT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. THIS OF COURSE WOULD BE DONE AS PART OF SHORT DRIVE AROUND SAN JOSE. INCLUDED IN THIS ALSO WOULD BE A BRIEF VISIT TO BI-NATIONAL CENTER, WHICH IS THE HUB OF U.S. COSTA RICAN COOPERATION IN THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS AND TO NATIONAL THEATER, WHICH IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANTSHOW PIECE OF SAN JOSE. VISITS TO THESE THREE PLACES CAN BE COVERED IN ONE AND ONE-HALF TO TWO HOURS IN THE MORNING. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, AND WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY THAT IT WOULD SATISFY WISHES OF PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER, FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS PROPOSED:
- A. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 5:20 P.M. ARRIVAL IN SAN JOSE.
- B. 5:30 P.M. -- AT HOTEL CARIARI.
- C. 6:30 7:30 P.M. -- SMALL RECEPTION HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO.
- D. 8:00 P.M. -- LIGHT SUPPER AT EMBWUE RESIDENCE, STAG, FOR SIX TO SEVEN PEOPLE.
- E. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 8:30 A.M. -- LEAVE HOTEL FOR BRIEF VISITS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, BI-NATIONAL CENTER, THE NATIONAL THEATER.
- F. BEGINNING AT 10:30 A.M. -- BILATERALS, LUNCHEON, AND PRESS CONFERENCE AS SCHEDULED (STATE 29361).
- G. 4:30 P.M. -- DEPART SAN JOSE.

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TM WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY SO THAT I CAN CONFIRM THIS SCHEDULE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO. TODMAN

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